

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An illuminating device comprising light means for generating primary light and a light-emitter comprising an after-glowing material for emitting secondary light after the light means is switched off or has extinguished, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the after-glowing material is shaped in a predetermined pattern for displaying information and is substantially invisible when the light means generates the primary light.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The illuminating device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that the wherein~~ intensity I_{1m} of the primary light emitted by the light means as compared to the secondary intensity I_{1s} of the secondary light emitted by the light-

emitter is such that $I_{le}/I_{lm} < 0.5$.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The illuminating device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ 1, wherein intensity I_{lm} of the primary light emitted by the light means as compared to a secondary intensity I_{le} of the secondary light emitted by the light-emitter is such that $I_{le}/I_{lm} < 0.1$.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The illuminating device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein an initial light output of the after-glowing material following the switching off or the extinguishing of the light means is lower than 3 cd/m².

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The illuminating device as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that the~~ 1, wherein an initial light output of the after-glowing material is equal to or lower than 1 cd/m².

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The illuminating device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the predetermined pattern

comprises at least one of an alphanumerical character, a logo
~~and/or~~ and an arrow.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The illuminating device as claimed
in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the after-glowing
material comprises a photo-luminescent or phosphorescent material.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric~~ An electric lamp comprising a
lamp vessel provided with ~~a~~ the light-emitter according to claim 1.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Luminaire~~ A luminaire comprising a
housing having a light emission window, the housing or the light-
emission window being provided with ~~a~~ the light-emitter according
to claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Automotive~~ An automotive head lamp
comprising a housing having a light emission window, the housing or
the light-emission window being provided with ~~a~~ the light-emitter
according to claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Display~~ A display device comprising a display window provided with ~~a~~ the light-emitter according to claim 1.

12. (New) An illuminating device comprising:
a light source configured to generate primary light when turned on; and
a light-emitter configured to emit secondary light after the light source is off;
wherein the light-emitter includes a patterned after-glowing material which is substantially invisible when the light source is on.

13. (New) The illuminating device of claim 12, wherein a level of the secondary light is at least one of equal to or lower than 3 cd/m² and equal to or lower than 1 cd/m².

14. (New) The illuminating device of claim 12, wherein a primary intensity I_{1m} of the primary light as compared to a secondary intensity I_{1e} of the secondary light is at least one of

$I_{1e}/I_{1m} < 0.5$ and $I_{1e}/I_{1m} < 0.1$.

15.(New) The illuminating device of claim 12, wherein the patterned after-glowing material comprises at least one of an alphanumerical character, a logo and an arrow.

16.(New) The illuminating device of claim 12, wherein the patterned after-glowing material comprises at least one of a photoluminescent and phosphorescent material.

17.(New) An electric lamp comprising a lamp vessel provided with the light-emitter according to claim 12.

18.(New) A luminaire comprising a housing having a light emission window, the housing or the light-emission window being provided with the light-emitter according to claim 12.

19.(New) An automotive head lamp comprising a housing having a light emission window, the housing or the light-emission window being provided with the light-emitter according to claim 12.

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20. (Currently Amended) A display device comprising a display window provided with the light-emitter according to claim 12.